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1. USLO FULLY SUPPORTS DEPARTMENT APPROACH TO ROC EMBASSY COUNSELOR CHEN REPORTED REF A. RECALLING CIRCUMSTANCES OF PREVIOUS ROC ATTEMPT TO SEND HAI CHIA TROUPE TO U.S. AT SAME TIME SHENYANG ACROBATIC TROUPE SCHEDULED TO VISIT, AND GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS PRESENT REQUEST (E.E. LAST-MINUTE VISA APPLICATION COMING SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF WU SHU VISIT) WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THIS IS ANOTHER CALCULATED ATTEMPT BY ROC TO DISRUPT US-PRC CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD OUR VIEW THAT, IF ROC SUCCEEDS IN THIS ATTEMPT, IT WOULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS NOT ONLY ON U.S. CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH PRC, BUT ALSO ON GENERAL POLITICAL CLIMATE. MOREOVER, PRC CANCELLATION OR CURTAILMENT OF WU SHU VISIT WOULD ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO PUBLIC SPECULATION THAT US-PRC RELATIONS ARE GOING SOUR.
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